

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A negative electrode for a non-aqueous secondary cell comprising graphite, carbon black and an aqueous binder, wherein said carbon black ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of particles having an aspect ratio of 1.0 to 5.0 and a largest particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, wherein said negative electrode has a density of at least 1.50 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, wherein said aqueous binder comprises styrene-butadiene rubber and carboxymethylcellulose.
2. **(Previously presented)** The negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said graphite has an average particle size of from 15 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , and at least 10% by weight of said carbon black particles, based on the total weight of the carbon black, has said aspect ratio of 1.0 to 5.0 and said largest particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.
3. **(Previously presented)** The negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said graphite has an average particle size of from 15 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , and at least 60% by weight of said carbon black particles, based on the total weight of the carbon black, has said aspect ratio of 1.0 to 5.0 and a largest particle size of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.
4. **(Original)** The negative electrode according to any one of claims 1, 2 and 3, wherein said carbon black is present in an amount of from 0.1 % to 3.0 % by weight based on a final solids content of a negative electrode coating on said negative electrode.
5. **(Canceled)**

6. (Original) The negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said negative electrode has a density of at least 1.60 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and said graphite has a specific surface area of at least 2.5 m<sup>2</sup>/g and a crystal spacing d<sub>002</sub> of 0.3370 nm or less.

7. (Currently Amended) A non-aqueous secondary cell comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a non-aqueous electrolyte, wherein said negative electrode comprises graphite, carbon black ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of particles having an aspect ratio of 1.0 to 5.0 and a largest particle size of 10 µm or less, and an aqueous binder, wherein said negative electrode has a density of at least 1.50 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, wherein said aqueous binder comprises styrene-butadiene rubber and carboxymethylcellulose.

8. (Previously presented) The non-aqueous secondary cell according to claim 7, wherein said graphite has an average particle size of from 15 to 30 µm, and at least 10% by weight of said carbon black particles, based on the total weight of the carbon black, has said aspect ratio of 1.0 to 5.0 and said largest particle size of 10 µm or less.

9. (Original) The non-aqueous secondary cell according to any one of claims 7 and 8, wherein said carbon black is present in an amount of from 0.1 % to 3.0 % by weight based on a final solids content of a negative electrode coating on said negative electrode.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The non-aqueous secondary cell according to claim 7, wherein said negative electrode has a density of at least 1.60 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and said graphite has a specific surface area of at least 2.5 m<sup>2</sup>/g and a crystal spacing d<sub>002</sub> of 0.3370 nm or less.

12. (Currently amended) A method for producing a negative electrode for a non-aqueous secondary cell comprising the steps of:

mixing graphite, carbon black ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of particles having an aspect ratio of 1.0 to 5.0 and a largest particle size of 10 µm or less, and an aqueous mixed binder comprising styrene-butadiene rubber and carboxymethylcellulose to prepare a negative electrode coating,

applying the negative electrode coating on a substrate of the negative electrode, drying the applied negative electrode coating, and  
press-forming the coating.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein said negative electrode has a density of at least 1.60 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and said graphite has a specific surface area of at least 2.5 m<sup>2</sup>/g and a crystal spacing d<sub>002</sub> of 0.3370 nm or less.

16. (Currently amended) An electronic device comprising a non-aqueous secondary cell which comprises a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a non-aqueous electrolyte, wherein said negative electrode comprises graphite, carbon black ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of particles having an aspect ratio of 1.0 to 5.0 and a largest particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, and an aqueous binder, wherein said negative electrode has a density of at least 1.50 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

17. (Currently Amended) The electronic device according to claim 16, wherein said graphite has an average particle size of from 15 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , ~~and at least 10% by weight of said carbon black particles, based on the total weight of the carbon black, has said aspect ratio of 1.0 to 5.0 and said largest particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less,~~ wherein said aqueous binder comprises styrene-butadiene rubber and carboxymethylcellulose.

18. (Original) The electronic device according to any one of claims 16 and 17, wherein said carbon black is present in an amount of from 0.1 % to 3.0 % by weight based on a final solids content of a negative electrode coating on said negative electrode.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 16, wherein said negative electrode has a density of at least 1.60 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and said graphite has a specific surface area of at least 2.5 m<sup>2</sup>/g and a crystal spacing  $d_{002}$  of 0.3370 nm or less.